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Ms. Mary A. Gade
Regional Administrator
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Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard
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Re: Request to Parallel Process the Draft
Request for Redesignation and
Maintenance Plan for 8-Hour Ozone-
Central Indiana Area

Dear Ms. Gade:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for the Central Indiana Area, in reference to the 8-hour air quality standard for ozone, attached hereto. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to parallel process this draft submittal.

This attached document consists of the following:

Draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan

- This document requests that the Central Indiana nonattainment area (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan and Shelby Counties) be redesignated to attainment and classified as "maintenance". It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the US EPA Redesignation Guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- The plan considers a maintenance horizon of 2020 and analyzes 2010 and 2015 as interim years.
- The appendices contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the mobile emissions analysis.

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Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets

- Contained in the Maintenance Plan are new Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the years 2006 and 2020. The Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (Greater Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization) and the Madison County Council of Governments (Anderson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) travel-demand models and MOBILE6.2 were used to estimate mobile source emissions for the area.
- A reasonable margin of safety was applied to the 2020 projected mobile source emissions.
- The Travel Demand Model was updated with the best available assumptions.

These draft documents are available for public review and IDEM is accepting comments through March 9, 2007. A public hearing concerning the draft document is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 6, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. IDEM intends to submit the final document to the US EPA by the end of March 2007.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Gale Ferris, Air Programs Branch at (317)234-3653.

Sincerely,



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